



## Wisconsin Ag News – Farm Production Expenditures



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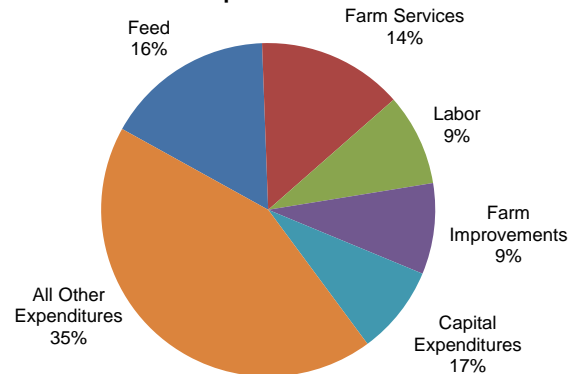
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Wisconsin farm production expenditures totaled \$11.6 billion in 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farm Production Expenditures Annual Summary* report. This was an increase of 6 percent from the 2016 total expenditures. Feed expense, which declined 3 percent to \$1.89 billion, represented the largest single production expense in Wisconsin in 2017, accounting for 16 percent of the total. Expenditures for Farm Services were the second largest expense category, totaling \$1.63 billion and accounted for 14 percent of the total. This was up 5 percent from 2016. The largest percentage increases were for Miscellaneous Capital expenses (up 150 percent), Trucks and Autos (up 60 percent), Other Farm Machinery (up 40 percent), and Tractors and Self-propelled Farm Machinery (up 28 percent).

**Farm Production Expenditures - Wisconsin: 2017**



### Farm Production Expenditures – Wisconsin: 2016-2017

Expenditure - Farm Share	Farms Reporting <sup>1</sup>		Average per Farm <sup>2</sup>		Total Expenditures	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(percent)	(percent)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(million dollars)	(million dollars)
Total Farm Production Expenditures <sup>3</sup>	100.0	100.0	158,806	168,686	10,910	11,555
Livestock, Poultry, and Related Expenses <sup>4</sup>	27.3	31.1	6,696	7,445	460	510
Feed	55.4	56.2	28,384	27,591	1,950	1,890
Farm Services <sup>5</sup>	94.5	95.8	22,562	23,796	1,550	1,630
Rent <sup>6</sup>	33.9	34.7	8,588	8,759	590	600
Agricultural Chemicals <sup>7</sup>	51.5	50.3	4,803	5,255	330	360
Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioners <sup>7</sup>	54.7	54.2	10,335	10,511	710	720
Interest	48.4	44.4	6,114	6,861	420	470
Taxes (Real Estate and Property)	100.0	100.0	5,531	5,985	380	410
Labor	22.6	24.2	15,575	15,036	1,070	1,030
Fuel	83.5	84.9	4,803	5,547	330	380
Farm Supplies and Repairs <sup>8</sup>	87.4	86.0	12,227	12,117	840	830
Farm Improvements and Construction <sup>9</sup>	61.4	58.5	13,246	14,891	910	1,020
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	11.0	18.3	5,240	6,715	360	460
Other Farm Machinery	23.3	24.1	3,639	5,109	250	350
Seeds and Plants <sup>10</sup>	56.7	56.2	9,461	10,365	650	710
Trucks and Autos	11.0	14.7	1,456	2,336	100	160
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses	1.6	6.3	146	365	10	25

<sup>1</sup> Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms.

<sup>2</sup> The average per farm is computed by dividing the line-item total expense by the total number of farms at that level. Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> Includes the operator, landlord, and contractor shares of farm production expenses. Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>4</sup> Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. Intra-state and inter-state transfers of livestock are captured.

<sup>5</sup> Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, utilities, general expenses, and miscellaneous business expenses.

<sup>6</sup> Includes cash rent paid, share rent, plus public and private grazing fees.

<sup>7</sup> Includes material and application costs.

<sup>8</sup> Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm-shop equipment, oils and lubricants, temporary fencing, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of equipment not depreciated, and other small, non-capital equipment.

<sup>9</sup> Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land.

<sup>10</sup> All purchases of seed, plants, or seed treatments for nursery and farming operation are included. Bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale are excluded.